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OUTLINES.

The Loud bill relating to second class mail matter was killed yesterday in the House. —— In the Senate, the resolution for a congressional investigation into the murder of the postmaster at Lake City, S. C., was referred to committee; the Bankruptcy bill was debated. —— A resolution for the relief of the widow of the colored postmaster killed at Lake City, S. C., was introduced in the Senate, appropriating $10,000; a similar resolution introduced in the House appropriates $1,000. —— Arrangements are being made for the trip of the war ships Montgomery and Nashville to Cuban ports with relief supplies. —— Secretary Long denies that the government has received a partial or preliminary report from the Maine inquiry board. —— Hon. W. J. Bryan lectured on bimetalism to a large crowd in Mobile, Ala. —— Colored militiamen of South Carolina tender services to the Governor in case of war. —— Judge Herndon, the last treasurer of the Southern Confederacy, is critically sick. —— Spey Wood, at Cordele, Ga., killed his brother and then committed suicide. —— Near Key West yesterday a small schooner was capsized and nine persons out of thirteen on board were drowned. —— The divers at work on the Maine in Havana harbor recovered one body yesterday. ——N. Y. markets: Money on call steady at 2@2½ per cent., last loan at 2 per cent.; cotton dull—middling uplands 6 5-16c; flour inactive, the demand being checked by the high prices asked; wheat—spot steady; No. 2 red in store and at elevator $1.08½; corn—spot firm; No. 2, 237½c at elevator; rosin firm; spirits turpentine firm at 33½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 45 deg.; 8 P.M., 40 deg.; maximum, 59 deg.; minimum, 40 deg.; mean, 50 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .16; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .16.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The Gulf storm is developing rapidly to the northeastward, but its center is moving very slowly, being still central to the north of Tampa. Rain is falling northeast to Virginia and west to Mississippi to-night, being heavy over Florida and Southern Georgia, with heavy gales reported, the highest wind velocity so far noted being 52 miles from northeast at Savannah. Fair cold weather prevails over the remainder of the country under a high barometer area, extending from New England southwest to Texas. It is warming up rapidly over the West. Freezing weather prevails over the Northern Ohio valley and the lakes.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Friday—Rain, followed by fair colder weather; heavy gales to-night and Friday morning, then diminishing winds from the northwest.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 3.5 feet.

STORM WARNING.

The following dispatch was received last night at 10.40 o'clock, from Washington, D. C:

Northeast signals ordered up at Norfolk, Va. There is a storm of considerable energy central near Jacksonville, Fla., probably moving northeast and likely to cause dangerous gales on the Middle Atlantic coast Friday and high winds on the Southeast New England coast Friday night. Northeast gales now prevail on the South Atlantic coast.

MOORE.

Port Almanac--March 4.

Sun Rises	6.28 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.58 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 30 M.
High Water at Southport	4.46 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	6.36 A. M.

They are getting up a howl against American petroleum in Germany, but they haven't discovered any bugs in it yet.

The captain of that Cuban filibuster which sailed on the 13th of February and successfully landed its 13th cargo, isn't afraid of the 13 hoodoo.

A Louisville man who wished to make it a nice social affair sent out polite invitations to his friends to be present at his funeral, and then committed suicide.

The Spaniards are boasting of owning some very swift war ships. They will have to be swift to get out of the way of Uncle Samuel's boats if a racket on the water begins.

The general impression was that the buffalo was about extinct in North America, but a traveller in the Northwest territory reports having seen four herds, numbering about 2,000 in all.

The Spaniards in Cuba had better have their heads shaved close now. There is a band of fifty Apache Indians who are making their way to Florida to skip over to Cuba and do some scalping for the Cubans.

A marriage recently took place in a colored church in Pennsylvania, between a white girl and a negro, with the consent of the girl's mother. But much couldn't be expected from a girl who sprang from such a mother.

The operation of removing the human stomach was successfully performed in San Francisco a few days ago, and the patient minus the stomach is reported to be doing well. This makes the third successful operation of this kind. When the doctors have a little more experience in this line there will be some hope for those fellows who are compelled to tote around big bay windows in warm weather.

A London bird lover has struck on a unique and original plan to prevent the slaughter of birds. It is for the men to refuse to marry any woman who wears feathers in her hat, and for the women to refuse to marry any man who feeds on birds. Splendid idea, if he can persuade the men and the women to catch on and stick.

It is said that the debt of Cuba is about $600,000,000. If Spain loses Cuba she will have to pay the money, and if Cuba loses she will have to pay it, so that Cuba has quite as good a reason for trying to get away from Spain as Spain has for trying to hold on to Cuba. Cuba was Spain's orange.

Hayti isn't a very large nor a very juicy orange, but some of the European powers are doing considerable squeezing. Germany took a squeeze some time ago. Italy has just squeezed out $80,000 for the seizure and sale of a ship and cargo belonging to an Italian, and now France proposes to do some squeezing.

The United States Government is going to do some experimenting with the reindeer for carrying service in Alaska. A herd of 537 arrived in New York, Monday. They will be shipped by rail to Seattle, Washington, and thence by steamer to the gold and snow regions.

The late Dr. Evans, of Paris, seems to have had a pull on royalty. A short while ago while cleaning out one of his safes $200,000 worth of gems were found that his lawyers knew nothing about. There were numerous kinds of precious stones, the gifts of royal personages.

Senator Davis, of Minnesota, has a Napoleonic fad. For years he has been collecting books relating to Napoleon, and now has 800 volumes.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Clyde Line—Sailing days.
King Grocery—Chili Sauce.
Sanders—The Old Yellow Pumpkin.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. D. L. Farrior, of Maple Hill, is in the city on business.

— Supt. J. M. Mewbourne, of the State Penitentiary, spent last night in the city.

— Mr. A. E. Woodell, a prominent business man of Danville, is registered at The Orton.

— General Manager J. W. Fry, of the C F. &. Y. V. railroad, spent last night in the city.

— Dr. Louis H. Matthez, the well known optician, is here on a visit, where he is cordially welcomed by his "troops of friends." His home office is now in the Presbyterian Building, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

— Col. Murdoch McRae, one of Robeson county's most excellent citizens and a prosperous farmer, was a visitor at the STAR office yesterday. He was on his way home from the Newbern fair. The agricultural and horse editor of the STAR regrets that he was not in when Col. McRae called.

Another Railroad Projected.

The stockholders of the Cape Fear & Northern Railway have just organized at Holly Springs, Wake county, with G. B. Alford president. Mr. Alford says: "The road is a certainty. Work will begin as soon as the right of way can be obtained. The survey and other preliminaries will be made at an early date. The road will run from Raleigh to Cape Fear, via Cary, Holly Springs and Lillington. It is our purpose to push the line on to Wilmington, N. C."

Cheap Advertising.

If you wish to advertise at the lowest rates try the department in the STAR, on fourth page, headed "Business Locals." Situations or help wanted, srticles lost or found, rooms or houses wanted or to rent, business opportunities, and many other short miscellaneous advertisements are taken for that department at one cent per word for each insertion. But no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents for each insertion.

No Business Transacted.

The Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church met yesterday at the Luther Memorial building. The very bad weather prevented a full attendance and no business was transacted. Only an informal discussion of the society's work was indulged in by the few present. No other meeting will be held until the regular April session.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Cotton on this market yesterday was quoted firm on a basis of 6 cents per pound for middling grade.

— The hour for the Sunday morning Bible class at the Y. M. C. A. has been changed from 10 to 9:45 o'clock.

— Licenses were yesterday issued for the marriage of two colored couples. They were Geo. Jennings to Laura Willis and James B. Moore to Hattie Tate.

— The Clerk of the Superior Court yesterday received the charter for the Merchants Association from the Secretary of State and at once recorded it in the records of the office.

— Only one case was disposed of in the Mayor's Court yesterday. That was against Demps Council, charged with disorderly conduct. A fine of $5 and costs was imposed, in default of the payment of which he was sent to jail.

— Spirits turpentine scored another advance yesterday, being quoted at close of market at 36 cents per gallon for machine made casks and 35½ cents per gallon for country casks. It has been many years since this product commanded so high a price.

— In the headlines of an article printed Wednesday, in which the Spaniards claimed a "great victory," the STAR said: "But it may be well to wait for the Cuban report." This has come, and will be found in another column. It will be seen that the Cubans won the greatest battle of the war, the Spanish loss being estimated at 1,000.

—William McClennon, colored, who put up such a desperate resistance and escaped from Chief of Police Melton Tuesday night yesterday submitted before Justice Price and recognized in a bond of $100 for his appearance at the Criminal Court. Readers of the STAR will remember that McClennon cut W. H. Richardson severely on the cheek with a pocket-knife.

THE SHOESTRING DISTRICT.

There Will Be No Fusion—Democratic Convention Will Nominate a Straight Silver Democrat.

A Raleigh paper says Senator Butler is working for Congressional fusion between Democrats and Populists, and, further, that "the Populists wish to name the candidates in the third, fourth, sixth and seventh districts." What may be done in the other districts named, the STAR is not prepared to say; but, so far as this (the sixth) district is concerned, it may be accepted as a foregone conclusion that the Democratic convention will nominate a straight silver Democrat, and invite all Populists and Republicans who honestly favor free coinage to give him their support. This is the sort of "union of the silver forces" that the Democrats of the "Shoestring" district favor, and if the few thousand Populists in the district really favor free silver they will vote for the Democratic candidate in order to defeat his Republican opponent, who will be a high-tariff, gold-standard, Hanna-McKinleyite.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Committee to Recommend a Successor to Rev. W. B. Oliver, Who Retires May First.

There will be a meeting of the special committee on the selection of a pastor for the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon after Sunday School, at which time it is expected that a decision will be reached as to whom they will next recommend as a successor for Rev. Will B. Oliver, who retires from the pastorate May 1st. It is understood that they are considering several prominent Baptist divines. Among them are Rev. J. A. White, of Macon, Ga., and Rev. Dr. Blackwell, corresponding secretary of the Southern Baptist Young People's Union, who was here a few weeks since and delivered an address on the Young People's work.

The committee will very probably recommend some minister to the church in regular monthly conference Monday night.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—121 bales cotton, 2 bbls tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—305 bales cotton, 87 bbls tar, 19 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central Railroad—59 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 26 bbls tar.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—21 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 80 bbls rosin, 63 bbls tar.

Schooner K. T. Willis—13 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 60 bbls rosin.

C. Larkins' Flat—31 bbls tar.

Total—Cotton, 519 bales; spirits turpentine, 32 casks; rosin, 140 bbls; tar, 209 bbls; crude turpentine, 19 bbls.

An Insane White Woman.

A commission, composed of Dr. McMillan and Justices Fowler and Morris, yesterday adjudged Minnie Rogers, a young white woman who has been working at the cotton factory, insane and placed her in charge of friends until steps could be taken for placing her in the hospital at Raleigh. She has several times attempted suicide. Yesterday she jumped into a cistern of water and only a few days ago she set fire to her clothing.

— Mr. M. W. Murphy, of White Hall, was in the city yesterday.

CHAMBER COMMERCE.

Many Matters Considered at the Annual Meeting Held Yesterday.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

A Summary of the Important Work Accomplished by the Chamber—Election of Officers—The Visiting Foresters.

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. The president, Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., and the secretary, Col. Jno. L. Cantwell, were both present, and after the reading of the minutes of previous meetings tendered their annual reports, which were unanimously received and ordered on file.

The President in his report took occasion to allude to some of the more important work accomplished by the Chamber during the past year. It referred, first, to the valuable service performed by a committee from the Chamber to investigate the city's water supply and electrical fire alarm system when incendiary fires were so frequent. The same committee called the attention of the Board of Aldermen to the necessity of having only metal roof buildings on the west side of the river, and was in part instrumental in having the proper ordinance passed. The Chamber also assisted largely in entertaining the Southern Baptist Convention, which, besides the great spiritual good it wrought, was the cause of a new manufacturing concern —the Roanoke Chemical Company— being brought to Wilmington. A committee from the Chamber, with Mr. C. E. Borden as chairman, represented the city to great advantage at the Nashville Centennial by banquets and exhibits. The affair was an excellent advertisement for Wilmington and the president's report tendered the thanks of the Chamber to Mr. J. T. Patrick, chief industrial agent, and Mr. T. D. Meares, general agent, of the Seaboard Air Line for the many kindnesses to the committee. For the purpose of talking up Wilmington and its advantages, two suppers had been given, one at Wrightsville beach, and one at the Orton Hotel. The report recommended that these semi-annual suppers be made a permanent feature and that the next one to be held on the seashore be at Carolina beach, a similar supper having been already held at Wrightsville beach.

The chamber has kept in close touch with the officers of the U. S. Engineer Corps with a view to improvement of the river channel, and had observed that Capt. W. E. Craighill, chief of the corps, and his efficient assistants are carrying the on with ability and zeal. The report also referred to the efficient work of the committee on Streets and Wharves in securing improvements to various streets. Tender and appropriate reference was made to the removal by death of the late Alfred Martin, the late D. G. Worth, and the late Dr. A. J. De Rosset.

During the year there were two offshoots from the Chamber, the Merchants Association and the Tariff Association, the object of the former being to promote the mercantile interests of the city, and of the latter to look after discriminations against the city in freight rates. The report showed that the growth in membership had been steady and that the membership now is 121.

The report of the Secretary and Treasurer gave interesting details in regard to the condition, financial and otherwise, of the Chamber.

The annual election of officers resulted in a re-election of the old ones, Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., president; Col. Walker Taylor, 1st vice president; W. E. Worth, 2nd vice president; Col. John L. Cantwell, secretary and treasurer. Messrs. F. W. Kerchner, George Harriss, D. L. Gore and T. D. Meares were elected to constitute the executive committee.

Messrs. T. D. Meares, and T. F. Bagley spoke about the visit which the industrial agents of the Seaboard Air Line contemplate making here next Wednesday. Much interest was evinced in the assembling of the agents and the Chamber showed that it would do all in its power to entertain them. Mr. A. B. Skelding, general manager of the Street Railway Company, tendered the use of a car both on this occasion and at any other time when visiting committees were in the city.

The Forestry Experts.

At this juncure Prof. J. A. Holmes, Dr. B. E. Fernow, Dr. C. A. Schenck and Mr. W. W. Ashe came in and the discussion on forestry was opened at once.

Prof. Holmes said if he had ever said anything about the public spirit of the citizens of Wilmington he wished to withdraw it now upon looking around to see what a large crowd had braved the weather to attend the forestry meeting. He then referred to the destructive forest fires of several weeks since and said that one of the great aims of the North Carolina Forestry Association was to check forest fires. He added that the Geological Survey was co-operating in the movement and that similar aid was asked of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. B. E. Fernow, Chief of the Forestry Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, addressed the meeting on invitation. He said not having made investigations in North Carolina, he could not speak with certainty as to the extent of the lumber industry, but in the United States as a whole he knew that it was second only to agriculture. There are a billion of dollars invested in the business and the products annually amounts to two and a half billions. Then he went on to explain what forestry is, which, he says, is nothing more than a concerted effort to provide for the continuity of the lumber industry. He showed that the pine forests, at the present rate of consumption, can not last more than forty years, unless steps are taken looking to reproduction. He admirably illustrated what forest cultivation and preservation will do towards sustaining the lumber industry by referring to Saxony, where the annual income from 400,000 acres of land under systematic management is now over twice what it was forty years ago. The great enemy to forestry is the forest fire, which, Dr. Fernow said, was actually a sign of immorality and lack of civilization.

Dr. C. A. Schenck, forester to the Biltmore estate, spoke about forestry at Biltmore by way of prefacing his remarks on North Carolina forestry. He said taxes and forest fires are the worst enemies to the development of forestry in the State.

Prof. Holmes suggested the practical steps to be taken to encourage forestry: First, it is necessary to educate the people, which can be done in part by having printed on the back of every bill of lumber the facts about the great losses by forest fires and the importance of quenching them before it is too late; second, to get a desirable forestry law; third, to get the machinery to operate the law.

In view of these remarks, on motion of Mr. George W. Kidder it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to co-operate with the Forestry Association and the Geological Survey. Messrs. Geo. W. Kidder, J. A. Arringdale, and W. L. Parsley were named to serve on the committee.

Mr. R. W. Hicks referred to some practical examples of forest cultivation in the State and warmly endorsed the movement for the diminishing of forest fires.

The propagation of shad in the Cape Fear river and its branches was discussed by Mr. W. E. Davis, who suggested that a committee be appointed to co-operate with the fish dealers in trying to get an appropriation of money to be expended in increasing the annual catch of shad. A motion was passed ordering such a committee to be appointed.

The Chamber then listened to some interesting remarks from Mr. D. M. Riordan, of Arizona, and adjourned, after, by motion of Col. F. W. Kerchner, a vote of thanks was extended the gentleman who had so kindly addressed the meeting.

A HOME WEDDING.

Marriage of Miss Annie Wilhelmina Boesch to Mr. Richard Linder.

The marriage of Miss Annie Wilhelmina Boesch to Mr. Richard Linder was happily celebrated last night at 8.30 o'clock at the residence of the bride, 803 North Fourth street.

The ceremony was performed in the parlor, which was tastefully decorated with ferns, palms and evergreens. Rev. Dr. A. G. Voigt, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, officiated, and the ceremony was the beautiful one of the double ring.

The bride wore brocaded silk and a veil held by a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of Bride's roses and lilies of the valley. She entered the room leaning on the arm of her father, Mr. J. H. Boesch. Mr. John Furlong was best man and Miss Lena Kuhl was maid of honor. The attendants were Miss Mamie Ganzer with Mr. James Allen, Miss Katie Bapler with Mr. Ed. Furlong. The ushers were Messrs. F. K. J. Fuchs and E. P. H. Strunck. The brides maids and maid of honor were costumed in white organdie and carried bouquets of carnations. Mendelsohn's wedding march was rendered by Miss Cannie Chasten as the bridal party entered. After the ceremony the guests assembled up stairs about tables loaded with good things to eat.

Telegrams of congratulation were received from friends in different parts of the country and a cablegram from distant Germany. There was a splendid array of handsome and useful wedding presents.

ORGANIZATION PERFECTED.

Meeting of Stockholders of the Co-operative B. & L. Association—Officers Elected.

The organization of the Co-operative Building and Loan Association was perfected at a meeting of the stockholders held yesterday afternoon. And they expect to begin active work at a very early date.

The subscription books of their first series of stock are now open and stock can be taken through the secretary or any member of the Board of Directors. About six hundred shares of stock are already subscribed.

The following officers were elected yesterday: President, Col. Walker Taylor; vice president, Major William A. Johnson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Thos. H. Wright; attorney, Geo. L. Peschau.

The Directors are D. O'Connor, William E. Worth, Walker Taylor, W. A. Johnson, Geo. L. Peschau, S. A. Schloss, E. Payson Willard, B. C. Moore, I. M. Bear, DuBrutz Cutlar, Jr., and Jno. D. Bellamy.

— Justice Bunting yesterday adjudged Lucy J. Coleman guilty of nuisance and suspended judgment on payment of cost.

VISITING FORESTERS.

Cordially Received and Entertained by Mill Men of the City.

VISITED SAW MILL PLANTS.

The Extent of the Business a Revelation to Some of them—Cotton Compress Inspected—A Trip Taken Up and Down the River.

The threatening weather yesterday morning didn't deter the visiting foresters, whose arrival was announced in the STAR yesterday, and several others, from making the rounds of Wilmington's lumber mills. Those in the party were Dr. B. E. Fernow, Chief of the Forestry Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, Dr. C. A. Schenck, Forester to the Biltmore Estate, Mr. D. M. Riordan, President of the Arizona Lumber Company, Prof. J. A. Holmes, of the North Carolina Geological Survey, Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, editor of the *Southern Milling and Lumber Journal*, Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., of the Chadbourn Lumber Company, Mr. J. A. Arringdale, of the Cape Fear Lumber Company, and a representative of the STAR. Mr. W. W. Ashe, of the Geological Survey, was detained in the city and could not take the trip.

The party left the Orton Hotel at 10 o'clock. The first mill visited was that of Messrs. S. & W. H. Northrop which was in full blast. The visitors were cordially received by the proprietors and shown over the plant. There was the usual extraordinary activity which marks the saw mill business. The whole process of drawing the log from the rafts in the river and converting them into merchantable sizes and lengths was witnessed, and, as it happened, the brig *M. C. Haskell* was at the wharf loading from the mill a cargo of lumber to be taken to Port au Prince, thus illustrating the splenid advantages for a saw mill in a city so well situated for exporting.

The saw mill of the Kidder Lumber Company happened not to be running yesterday, and the visitors were driven back to the northern part of the city. They went to the Fore & Foster Planing Mill and Sash and Blind Company, and were shown through the extensive works by Mr. J. A. Fore, secretary and treasurer of the company. From Fore & Foster's the party drove to the plant of the Hilton Lumber Company. Here Mr. W. L. Parsley, the president of the company, took the visitors through the entire works. The Cape Fear Lumber Company and the Chadbourn Lumber Company were then visited.

The forest experts were apparently strengthened in the conviction that from the quantity of logs that the Wilmington mills can cut up in a day prompt and decisive action must be taken to husband the forests so as to make them able to meet the demand from the saw mills. "The extent of the business is a revelation to me," said Dr. Schenck, one of the number, who is a foreigner. "In Germany the mills are all small, while the trees which are considered mature enough to cut are not more than one per cent. of the number."

The Wilmington and Champion Compresses, both of which were at work, were visited after the lumber mills had been sufficiently "done." Then the steamer *Marion* was tendered the distinguished guests by Mr. James Sprunt and under the skilful pilotage of Capt. E. D. Williams, a trip up and down the river was taken in order to show the advantages of the harbor.

After dinner a trip was made to the Sans-Souci truck farm of Mr. John F. Garrell and the extensive operations going on there greatly impressed the visitors.

A Disorderly Negro Woman.

Quite a disturbance was created on Front, Chesnut and Second streets yesterday just before noon by the persistent outcrys and screams of a negro woman being carried to prison by Deputy Sheriff Flynn. He had arrested her down in the "Hollow" on a warrant for disorderly conduct. The woman could be heard screaming several squares away. In fact a bystander declared that she was worse than the steamer *Marion*. She would frequently stop and positively refuse to go further. When she was finally gotten into Justice Bunting's office some of her friends offered to pay any costs that might attach to the case but the Justice ruled that she must go to jail because she had behaved so badly.

No sooner had this announcement been made than the woman set up another outcry and made the welkin ring all the way to the jail. Her name is Janie Smith, known here as "Si Plunk." The case is to be tried by Justice Bunting at 10 o'clock this morning.

Gilbert Walden To-night.

Gilbert Walden, who will speak to-night at the Y. M. C. A. under the auspices of the Epworth League of Grace M. E. Church, is one of the most gifted speakers on the lecture platform and will doubtless find a large house awaiting him. The Richmond *Dispatch* says of him: "The famous Elocutionist held his large audience spell bound at Park Place M. E. Church. His "Bells of Atlanta" was wonderful in its effect. His dialect stories touched a chord in every heart and brought tears to many eyes. The Atlanta *Constitution* speaks of him as follows: "The gifted Southern elocutionist carried his large audience with him and electrified them with the wonderful power of this voice. The whole performance was excellent and everyone enchanted."

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Saw and Grist Mill, Gin House and About 150 Bales of Cotton Destroyed—No Insurance.

The STAR regrets very much to learn of the recent heavy loss entailed upon Mr. G. B. D. Parker, of Chinquepin, Duplin county, by the burning of his saw mill, grist mill and gin house, together with about 150 bales of cotton. Worst of all, there was no insurance upon any portion of the property burned. The fire occurred while Mr. Parker was absent in Wallace on business.

The fire is thought to have started in the roof of the gin house having caught from a spark from the smokestack and spread to the saw and grist mills. The cotton was piled up some distance from the gin house and mills, but sparks were blown there by the wind and ignited it. Mr. Parker thinks that much of the cotton could have been saved had judicious efforts been made. The people foolishly bent their efforts toward the difficult task of removing saws and other saw mill fixtures instead of protecting the more valuable or rather available bales of cotton.

A quantity of the cotton was owned by other farmers of the section, who had brought it to Mr. Parker's place to be ginned. It had been accumulating the past year because of the low water in the Northeast river, which prevented the marketing of the cotton crop.

Mr. Parker is already making arrangements for the rebuilding of both the mills and the gin house. He proposes that the new plants shall be great improvements both in buildings and equipment over those burned.

Mr. Parker is one of Duplin county's most substantial and esteemed business men and is not one whit daunted by his recent loss.

NORTH CAROLINA SOROSIS.

Regular Meeting—New Members—Course of Lessons on Parliamentary Law to Be Instituted.

The ladies of the North Carolina Sorosis met in regular monthly session yesterday in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association.

One new member was elected, and two applications for membership were filed to be acted upon at the April meeting. The reports from the five departments were all very creditable, and indicated much activity and interest. There was a report from each of the departments.

It was decided to institute a course of lessons in parliamentary law, one each for the next several meetings.

Mrs. Philander Pearsall, as president of the Sorosis, presided, and Miss Divine served as recording secretary.

The April meeting will be the last until October, as the society is only active during the Fall and Winter, from October to April. During the coming month the regular semi-monthly meetings of departments will be held.

THE FISH AND GAME FAIR.

Auspicious Opening and Increased Attendance Each Day—The Exhibits Unusually Fine.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

NEWBERN, N. C., March 2.—Yesterday witnessed the formal opening of the East Carolina Fair. A magnificent pageant was the opening parade, arranged by Chief Marshal Henry R. Bryan, Jr., consisting of the Newbern City Band of twenty-five pieces, which was their first public appearance. Also, the city Fire Department, complete, the Washington Light Infantry in beautiful display and magificent trim, and other attractive organizations.

The extended hospitality of the city of Newbern by the Hon. P. H. Pelletier in the opening address on yesterday has been more than realized by those who have come within her gates.

The attendance yesterday, estimated at about 4,000, increased to-day to at least 10,000, while a larger attendance still is expected to-morrow. The agricultural exhibits and fish and oyster displays are unusually fine this season, while the poultry and game exhibits, are, beyond doubt, the finest ever shown in North Carolina, as all who have seen this display acknowledge. The ladies departments, and floral hall, are, as usual, exceedingly fine.

The North Carolina Rolling Exposition came in at the opening of the Fair and is a great attraction to those who have never seen it. This magnificent car containing these exhibits was constructed at a cost of more than $20,000 and is said to be one of the finest cars in existence. Vast throngs pass through this car to see the great resources of the Old North State.

The arrangement of the Fair and the general management of President William Dunn and Secretary George Green have made this season's Fair a pronounced success—even better than in former years. The Newbern Fair is always an unique combination of varied attractions, and unlike many country Fairs is always of interest.

The fine parades, excellent bands of music and grand military display are due largely to the good taste and judgment of the gallant knight, Chief Marshal Henry R. Bryan, Jr.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

America's Greatest Dialect Humorist
Gilbert Walden,
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BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 4, 1898

WHAT THEN?

Since the destruction of the Maine public attention has been so centered on that that the Cuban question proper has been overshadowed, the chief actors in the drama now being the United States and Spain, Cuba figuring only incidentally. In the event it were shown that the Spanish Government was directly or indirectly responsible for that explosion, war would inevitably follow in the first instance and probably in the other in the estimation of many who think Spain would be more than likely to do something that would provoke war. This is what many think who do not give Spain the credit of having an overstock of good sense. We do not think there is much danger of war growing directly out of the Maine incident, for if it be shown that the force which destroyed her was external Spain will realize her responsibility and not be disposed to put on much style when invited by this Government to discuss the matter of redress. But if investigation fail to develop the fact that the destruction was the result of external agencies the accident theory must hold until something else be shown, and what then?

Will things subside into the old channels and the Cubans and Spaniards be left to fight it out on their own lines? Will Cuba continue to be overshadowed by something else, the war go on and intervention be indefinitely delayed? If there had been no Maine incident, the time has arrived when this administration cannot delay action much longer without trifling with Cuba and with the people of this country, and also with Spain.

When Mr. McKinley, through our Minister at Madrid, presented his notes to the Spanish Government, it was understood that this Government would give Spain reasonable time to bring the war in Cuba to a close, and to try the effect of the Sagasta policy of autonomy, which it was hoped and thought might prove more effective in bringing the Cuban fighters to terms than armies in the field. The Spanish autonomists counted on this, and the people in this country who were more interested in seeing peace in Cuba than they were in the particular conditions of the peace, hoped that the autonomists might not be disappointed in their calculations. Autonomy was the essence of the tacit assent of this Government to take no action in behalf of the Cubans until it was demonstrated whether it was a success or a failure. If a success then, of course, this Government stepped out, but if a failure, what then? Wasn't the promulgation of the autonomy scheme virtually a concession to the demands of this Government, which were something in the nature of an ultimatum based, practically, at least, if not in so many words, on autonomy? If it fails what is this Government to do? Suggest something else for the Spanish Government to try? There is nothing else for it to try. It has tried war and failed, and is not in as good condition to wage war now as it was twelve months ago. It has had as many as 120,000 presumably fighting men on the island, and now it hasn't more than 50,000. It has been growing weaker while the Cubans have been growing stronger. It is pressed for money, so pressed that the army in Cuba has gone for months unpaid, while the Cubans are fighting without pay, and seem to have all the money they can use. They are fighting a defensive war, which they make aggressive only when some advantage presents itself, when they can strike hard without being hit equally hard in return. That's where they have a decided advantage over the Spaniards, and they have been growing stronger while the Spaniards have been growing weaker. They know, too, that intervention is inevitable, and that makes them stronger still.

How long can intervention be delayed? It is something over four months since it was proposed, since it was offered to the Cubans, and up to this date no representative Cuban has manifested the slightest inclination to discuss it, much less accept it, and not a single rifle has been laid down or machete hung up. It was a failure from the beginning, and never made the slightest impression on the fighters for independence, who spurn it and declare that they will accept nothing less than independence.

No one now attaches the least importance to the scheme of autonomy as a war ender. This Government must have abandoned any hope it may have put in that. Its representative in Cuba, Consul General Lee, has officially reported it to be a failure. What excuse, then, can this administration have for much longer delaying the intervention which nearly every one accepts as inevitable, and which the administration, too, doubtless, considers inevitable? Isn't it quite likely that the destruction of the Maine gave a pretext for these active war preparations that have been going on for some time following the disposition of warships in Southern waters? The report of the Court of Inquiry into the cause of the destruction of the Maine will be delayed sufficiently long to enable necessary preparations to be made to meet whatever contingencies may arise as the result of intervention when it does come, and it must come before long for this game of procrastination cannot be played much longer. There is no decent excuse for it.

MINOR MENTION.

England is the great land-grabber of Europe, and her example has been followed more or less by nearly all the European nations. Within the past twenty-five years all of those nations which were equipped for this kind of business have carried it on quite extensively, how extensively the following, which we clip from the Atlanta *Constitution*, will show:

"1875 the colonial possessions of Great Britain aggregated in extent only some 7,600,000 square miles, with 200,000,000 inhabitants; to-day they aggregate not less than 11,000,000 square miles, with 350,000,000 inhabitants. In 1875 the colonial possessions of France covered 460,000 square miles, with 2,500,000 inhabitants; to-day they cover 2,900,000 square miles, with 26,000,000 inhabitants.

"Since the consolidation of the German empire in 1871 that power has planted various colonies in different parts of the globe. Starting without a single colonial possession in 1871, the German empire to-day owns colonies scattered over 1,000,000 square miles of territory and containing 8,000,000 inhabitants. In 1870 the colonial possessions of Holland extended over 660,000 square miles of territory and contained 24,000,000 inhabitants; to-day they extend over 769,000 square miles of territory and contain 30,000,000 inhabitants.

"Spain and Portugal have not made much headway in the matter of planting colonies during the past twenty-five years; but Denmark, Italy, Sweeden and Norway have all made decided gains, although the exact figures are not accessible at this time. Russia has not sought to plant colonies, for the simple reason that she has had her hands full in seeking to develop the enormous territory included within her own national borders."

The great continent of Africa, once but no longer "darkest Africa," has been practically taken possession of and divided among these landgrabbing nations. What has not been will be in time for they are all extending their lines where they do not come into collision with each other, and sometimes where they do. There is now but very little of the habitable globe where the flag of some landgrabbing nation has not been planted and where "colonies" have not been established. Having practically covered Africa they are now turning their eyes upon China, where, under one pretence or another, they are effecting entry into new territory and establishing "colonies" from which as outposts they will seek to extend their domain. The movements of one incite to counter movement by another, just as the building of great war ships by one stimulates the building of great war ships by others. This is more than other age, a time of nip-and-tuck rivalry between nations.

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Senator Butler evidently intends to make it interesting for Hon. Hamilton G. Ewart, whether he defeats his confirmation as judge or not. He seems to have been diving into Mr. Ewart's record and brought up some mud. The charges he makes, as far as reported in the dispatches, might not be regarded as very damaging to an aspirant to an ordinary position, but the record of one aspiring to such an office as a judgeship ought to be clean, and his character above suspicion. The committee might not, for instance, attach much importance to the charge of having ridden on railroad passes while drawing the money allowed by the State to pay railroad fare, for Senators do the same thing themselves, but in the case of a man holding a judgeship and indirectly if not directly violating a State law which as a citizen and especially as a judge he was morally bound to respect, it is different, and should be so regarded. Mr. Ewart will hardly deny this charge, for he has heretofore admitted it and made light of it. We suppose he will try to excuse it on the "they-all-do-it" plea of Governor Russell when he confessed that he was toting a pocketful of free passes. Perhaps on the same principle he will, if it be true, answer the charge of having sold public documents while a member of Congress, and point to the revelations to show that "there are others" who not only sold public documents, but did a seed business, too, and took in some cash by the sale of the seeds allotted to them for distribution among their constituents. He may put up a plausible tale for the committee, but judging from the indications so far, he will have an interesting time in doing it.

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When a clown jumps into the circus ring the bigger fool he makes of himself the better he fills the bill and the more amusing he is, but when the editor of a leading paper which presumably, at least, should be conducted with some common sense, plays the fool, we lose patience with him. The Cleveland, Ohio, *Leader* is a Republican organ, published in Hon. Mark Hanna's city. For some reason the editor is at large and not confined in a lunatic asylum, as he should be, after having written the following:

"The Democrats would rejoice if the talk of war resulted in another financial panic. That would make an issue for them in the coming campaign. But the sensible men of the country are not likely to lose their heads."

Stuff like that can't hurt the Democratic party, but with people of other countries who form their opinions of this country from what they read it might hurt this country a great deal. It is on the same line with the editorial in the Chicago *Tribune* to which we recently referred, in which Senators Vest, Cockrell and Teller were charged with having entered into a conspiracy to ruin the credit of the Government when they advocated the adoption of the Teller resolution. Men who write that kind of stuff simply advertise themselves as asses or knaves or liars, if not all three.

BOOK NOTICES.

The Bookman for March presents a varied and interesting list of contents, which will be enjoyed by the literary reader, while there is much in it to entertain and instruct the general reader. Published by Dodd, Meade & Co., Fifth avenue and Twenty-first street, New York.

The ladies will be delighted with the March number of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, which is handsomely illustrated and filled with interesting and useful reading matter. In addition to the matter for the general reader the fashion, domestic and other home departments will be found very valuable. Published by The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

As usual *The Century* for March is superbly illustrated and the reading matter presented is of the same excellent character. In addition to others there is one article in it which will interest the reader showing the rush, illustrated, and how people get to the Klondike. The Mammoth Cave, of Kentucky, illustrated, is another interesting paper. But these are only two of many. Published by the Century Company, Union Square, New York.

The discoverer of the greatest tin mine in the world, in New South Wales, which has paid $7,500,000 in dividends, died recently quite poor. At one time he was a large stockholder in the mine, but not having much confidence in it sold his stock for anything he could get for it.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Uncle Russell Sage declares that if the necessity arises he will buy government bonds "generously." Sage always did have a kind heart.—*Philadelphia North American, Rep.*

—— Uncle Sage is patriotic enough to declare that if necessary he will buy Government bonds. In view of this declaration the people who charged that the bond issues during the Cleveland Administration had been forced by capitalistic greed will do well to hide their diminished heads.—*Baltimore Herald, Dem.*

—— A hay trust is one of the newest things in the trust line. This is a monopoly which the South can defy, if it will. There is probably not a farmer in Georgia who could not raise every year twice as much hay as he would need for his stock. Instead of buying hay, Georgia should ship thousands of bales of it to the North every season.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— That was an admirable suggestion of Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, to put the Pension Department of the Government in charge of the War Department. If after the war soldiers had been employed to look after the interests of soldiers, to take care of pension deservers and to turn down undeservers, millions of money would have been saved, and the judgment of such men as Grant and Garfield would have been vindicated.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. 50 cents per bottle. †

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The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Mrs. Murdock, 93 years of age, died Tuesday night at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Mims, near the Fayetteville Cotton Mills.

— Goldsboro *Headlight*: Fire broke out in Elmore & Pate's bar room at Fremont early Tuesday morning and destroyed it and five wooden empty store houses, causing a loss of about $2,500.

— Rocky Mount *Motor*: The artesian well at South Rocky Mount under the direction of Messrs. Hines and Worth has been bored to a depth of about 160 feet. No correct idea can be formed of the probable flow, but the very best results are expected.

In Swift Creek islands, west and east of the Coast Line crossing, Mr. Carter Pope has over a hundred traps sprung nightly for various animals. Occasionally an otter is caught and the skin of these rodents are worth from five to twenty dollars each.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: Colored women seem to be on a burglarious rampage in this county. Friday night the store of Elder Tom Langston, in Saulsbury township, was burglarized and goods stolen. The next night the crime was repeated, but this time the clerk, Jim McKeel, was on the watch. He halted the burglars, who were a colored woman, Ella Turnage, and her 17-year old son. They ran and Jim shot at them, sprinkling the woman's head and shoulders with shot and capturing them. They are now in jail here awaiting trial at the April term of court.

— Raleigh *Post*: Cape Lookout, the famous point that is recorded on all the maps of the world, was sold recently for 93½ cents under a land grant by the State. Eugene Yeomans was the purchaser of this famous projection. Mr. Yeomans was given a grant for 7½ acres by the Secretary of State and he paid therefor the sum of 12½ cents per acre. The Cape is in Carteret county. Another grant was issued at the same time by the Secretary of State for 91 acres on Mount Mitchell, the highest mountain peak east of the Rockies. The grant was made to Wm. Stepp.

— Clinton *Democrat*: Mr. Elias F. Royal died at his home in South Clinton on Thursday, February 24th, after a lingering illness. He was 64 years of age, and was a most highly esteemed and respected citizen. —— Mr. Jno. W. Lucas, of McDaniels, and Miss Emma Hall were married in Clinton on Saturday, the 26th. In the marriage license the age of the groom was stated to be 77 and that of the bride 18. —— A colored boy, by the name of Williams, robbed the postoffice at Newton Grove last week. He was arrested, and will be tried in the Federal Court for the crime.

TWINKLINGS.

— Smith—"I never argue with Crankleigh any more." Jones—"Why not?" Smith—"Because I'm always sorry for him when he doesn't agree with me' and when he does I'm sorry for myself."

— Sunday School Teacher—"What is meant by a Sabbath day's journey?" Bright Pupil—'From the beginning to the end of a Sunday newspaper. I guess."

— A Reasonable Supposition: "Potter Palmer is going to build a home that will cost $3,000,000." "That looks as if the plumming was included."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— A Great Obstacle: "It will never do to let women have equal suffrage." "Any special reason?" "Yes, Just think how silly it would sound to have to call our battleships 'women of war.' "—*Detroit Free Press,*

— His Atonement: He—"What do you think of young De Blank's elopement with a governess?" She—"I think it is in perfect accord with the eternal fitness of things." He—"Why how's that?" She—"His early education has evidently been sadly neglected.."

— Diggs—"I don't believe old Singleton left anything like the fortune he is reported to have left." Biggs—"Why not? According to the newspaper reports, he left several millions." Diggs—"Yes, I know; but he had been dead three weeks ago now, and not one woman has turned up who claims that he was her husband."

SHE MADE A GREAT MISTAKE.

Thought She Would Make Tom Happy, but Both Are Now Miserable.

Daughters of wealthy men who fall in love with their fathers' employees are not entirely restricted to novels. There is a Chicago merchant whose confidential man has for some time been a suitor for his daughter's hand. There is another departure from tradition in the fact that his love affair is not as violently opposed as it might be. He is a thoroughly capable and upright fellow, and his prospective father-in-law probably doesn't see why he wouldn't do just as well as a clubman or perhaps a nobleman for his daughter's husband. Of course the two lovers like to be as much as possible in each other's company and try all sorts of little schemes and inventions to bring this happy state of affairs about.

The other evening when the young man, whose familiar name is Tom, called at the home of his fiancee she was perfectly radiant.

"Oh, Tom, I have just the best piece of news to tell you!" she said to him.

"Indeed!" was his reply. "Tell it to me right away."

"I know you will be so glad I did it," she continued.

"Did what?"

"I'm going to tell you all about it. Papa said this morning that he was going to California, to be gone a month. He said I'd enjoy the scenery and the climate, and he thought there wasn't any trip that I'd like so much. Oh, he wanted me to go awfully bad, but I just thought that I wouldn't see you for a month, and so I took a stand. I must have made 50 excuses. Finally I told him that I'd promised to go to Cousin Maude's at Lake Geneva, and that I just couldn't break my promise, so at last he let me off. It was hard work, and I'm almost afraid I made him angry, but I knew you'd be so glad."

"Yes—um—of course," responded Tom.

"Well, you don't look half as glad as I thought you would."

"No—I"— he began.

"Then you're not glad," she said in a tone of mixed surprise and disappointment.

"Well, no, darling," he said. "You see, I'm to go with him."—Chicago Times-Herald.

With regard to women surgeons, one fact is of interest. At the new hospital for women in Euston road, London, where all the doctors are women, there have been only 2 deaths out of 90 major operations.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptish Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial, it will please me." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

A MYSTERIOUS RACE.

A SETTLEMENT OF WHITES WHO HAVE LIVED 300 YEARS UNKNOWN.

Cut Off From the World In Their Mountain Home— Beautiful, Fair Haired, White Skinned Girls Clad In Snowy Linen Garments.

That white races of mysterious origin and of an advanced grade of civilization exist in certain of the as yet unexplored plateaus of Africa has long been a matter of tradition among all those who have devoted their attention to the ethnographical and geographical science of the dark continent, and Rider Haggard and other English novelists have found in reports bearing upon the subject the theme of many of their most popular stories.

But no attention has been drawn as yet to the fact that in the interior of San Jago, the largest of the Cape Verde islands, which nestle in the Atlantic off the most westerly point of northern Africa, there exists a strange people known by the name of the Cantadas, who for 300 years past have been absolutely cut off from all intercourse with the outer world, and who are fair haired, light complexioned and blue eyed, whereas the remaining population of the Cape Verde islands consists of negroes and of Portuguese, who are almost as swarthy and somber in color as full blooded Africans.

Clear and sharp against the sky line of San Jago the mountain of San Antonio towers aloft in a pinnacle to the height of some 8,000 feet. In form it conveys the impression of an ancient volcano, with its sharp slope on the side toward the sea, but on the inland side the declivity is broken by a sort of cup shaped interval, at the farther end of which there is the stump of what seems in times gone by to have constituted a second peak, of equal height to San Antonio, but which, through some great cataclysm of nature, has been broken off some 4,000 or 5,000 feet above the common base.

Strangely enough, the peak of San Antonio is accessible to clever mountaineers, whereas the sister mountain—that is to say, the broken off peak—is quite the reverse. From the point where it rises from the surrounding desert table land there is nothing but a steep wall of volcanic rock, not merely hundreds but probably a couple of thousand feet high. Indeed the only point whence access could ever be obtained to the summit of the sister mountain of San Antonio would be from the cuplike interval which divides the two, and mention of which has been made above.

This cup, however, is filled with water and is known by the name of the Cantadas lake. It is a great sheet of water of marvelous depth and clearness.

On this farther end of the lake, and in the interior of this sister mountain of San Antonio, dwells the mysterious white race known as the Cantadas. Distrustful, apparently, of the gaze of strangers, these people of the mountain seldom leave their habitations during daytime, and on the slightest alarm of visitors they seek the shelter of the rock. But by hiding on the opposite cliffs until evening and with the aid of glasses it is possible to get a good view of them when they begin at sunset to gather on the grassy meadow which fronts the opening of the caves and extends down to the water's edge.

Beautiful, fair haired, white skinned girls, clad in flowing white linen garments, which scarcely conceal the sinuous beauty of perfect grace and form, come out to wash linen in the lake and to sport on the cool green grass. The men, too, are simply dressed in much the same way, their white linen garments being admirably suited to the tropic climate. Many other signs of a high degree of civilization appear, and from certain points near the summit of San Antonio it is possible, with the aid of strong glasses, to catch glimpses through fissures here and there in the wall of rock of the twin mountain, of sheep and cattle grazing, of green fields and trees and of white, flat roofed houses running parallel with one another, all brilliantly lighted by the sun, and therefore leading to the belief that the interior of this sister mountain of San Antonio must be hollowed out into some valley, possibly the crater of an extinct volcano, which, through some freak of nature, has been converted from barren basalt and lava into grassy and fertile slopes.

An intrepid explorer would not have great difficulty in reaching the Cantadas people. All that would be necessary would be to ascend the San Antonio peak, to descend on the other side until one reached the cliffs that overhang the Cantadas lake, to have oneself lowered by means of a rope to the surface of the latter and then to swim across the lake, which may be anywhere from four to six miles in length.

Certain scientists who have investigated the tradition and rumors that exist about the Cantadas among the inhabitants, African and Portuguese, of the Cape Verde islands, are inclined to the belief that they are of Cornish origin. This theory is due to the fact that what is stated to be their tongue resembles the dialect of the natives of Cornwall more than any other known language.—New York Journal.

The Rod In School.

We once knew an old man who had much experience with boys, who declared, "You never hit a boy a lick amiss unless you miss him when you hit at him." There is a good deal of nonsense in the sentimental rot about "I'll allow no man to whip my boy." If your boy needs it, you'd better thank his teacher for licking him.—Augusta Chronicle.

Wedding rings were first used by Christians about the year 860, but the ancient Egyptians and Romans used them. The fashion of the plain gold wedding ring is Saxon.

Spring humors, boils, pimples, eruptions, sores, may be completely cured by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. †

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., March 3, 1898.

SCHOONERS.

Joel Cook, 381 tons, Frazier, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Robert A Snow, 125 tons, Pillsbury. Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Therese (Br), 148 tons, Matheson, Jas T Riley & Co.

Ira B Ellems, 262 tons, Marston, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Sarah D Rawson, 292 tons, French, Jas T Riley & Co.

Victory (Br) 131 tons, Munro, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Roger Moore, 277 tons, Miller, Jas T Riley & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Roseneath (Br), 1123 tons, McMorran, J H Sloan.

Cambay (Br), 1693 tons, Rees, Alex Sprunt & Son.

Schiehallion (Br), 1018 tons, Smith, Alex Sprunt & Son.

City of Worcester, (Br) 1552 tons, Fortune, Alex Sprunt & Son.

BRIGS.

BARQUES.

Parnass (Nor), 609 tons, Nielsen, Heide & Co.

Triumph (Nor), 537 tons, Carlsen, Jas T Riley & Co.

Her Foot In His Pocket.

Of Princess Pauline Borghese, she whose charms Canova is supposed to have immortalized in his Venus Victrix, Mr. Augustus J. C. Hare, in his "The Story of My Life," relates this anecdote, told him by Lady Ruthven:

She used, when at Rome, to go to "la toilette des pieds" of Pauline Borghese. Regular invitations were issued for it. When the guests arrived, they found the princess, supremely lovely, with her beautiful little white feet exposed upon a velvet cushion. Then two or three maids came in and touched the feet with a sponge and dusted them with a little powder—"c'etait la toilette des pieds." The Duke of Hamilton used to take up one of the little feet and put it inside his waistcoat "like a little bird."

No Sound of R.

Many languages are devoid of certain sounds quite familiar to us. The Chinese, for instance, has no sound equivalent to our "r." For America a Chinaman says "Yamelika." The Society islanders could not pronounce either "c" or "k," and the nearest approach they could make to the name of the celebrated navigator Cook, who visited their shores, was "Tut."

Hood's Pills

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Barrie's Candor.

J. M. Barrie is more conscious of his limitations than are some of his fellow workers of the period. At the repeated solicitation of his journalist friends he consented some time ago to write the life of the late Alexander Russell of The Scotsman, but he immediately relinquished the task when he perceived that biographical writing lay altogether outside his particular sphere of work.

The proverb "Necessity is the mother of invention" can hardly be traced to one independent source. The idea was expressed by Persius, the Roman satirist about 60 A. D., and is found, in the precise form now quoted, in Richard Franck's "Northern Memoirs" (printed in London, 1694) and in various later English writers.

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Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½	@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5¼
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Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	46	@	48
Virginia Meal	46	@	48
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	1¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	10	@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	2 50	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 90
Straight		@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	48
Car load, in bags—White		@	47
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	60
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 lbs—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1¾	@	14
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	13 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scaling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	37
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	38
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 45	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	11 50	@	12 00
Rump		@	11 50
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¼
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	5 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	4
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon-Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	18

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 3.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 36 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 35½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.25 per bbl for Strained and $1.30 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.50 per barrel for Hard, $2.00 for Dip.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm, 27½, 27c; rosin firm, $1.50, $1.65; tar firm, $1.00; crude turpentine nominal, $1.30, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	32
Rosin	140
Tar	209
Crude Turpentine	19

Receipts same day last year.—90 casks spirits turpentine, 244 bbls rosin, 239 bbls tar, 0 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 9-16 cts. ℔ lb
Good Ordinary	4⅞ " "
Low Middling	5 9-16 " "
Middling	6 " "
Good Middling	6¼ " "

Same day last year, middling 7c.

Receipts—519 bales; same day last year, 288.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN.—Firm; 47½ to 50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE.—$1.00 to $1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON.—Steady; hams, 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to $3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to $6.50.

TIMBER.—Market steady at $3.00 to $7.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

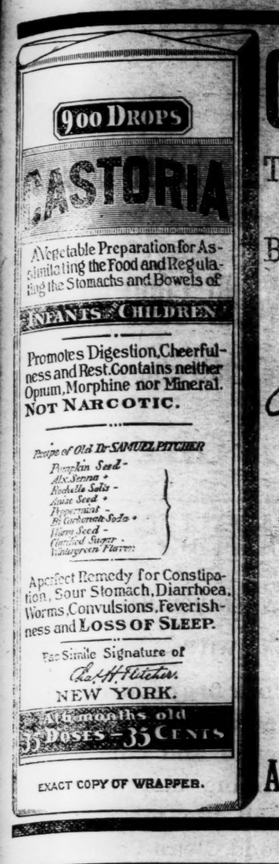
NEW YORK, March 3.—Money on call steady at 2@2½ per cent., last loan 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was easier; actual business in bankers' bills at 484½ for demand and 482@482½ for sixty days. Posted rates were 483½ and 485½. Commercial bills 481¾. Silver certificates 55½@56½. Bar silver 54. Mexican dollars 45. Government bonds weak; U. S. new 4's, registered 124¾; U. S. new 4's, coupon, 125; U. S. 4's 111; U. S. 4's, coupon, 112½; U. S. 2's 99; U. S. 5's, registered, 112¼; U. S. 5's, coupon, 112¼. State bonds dull; North Carolina 6's 125; North Carolina 4's 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Rosin was firm. Spirits turpentine firm at 36½@37c.

CHARLESTON, March 3.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 33½c; no sales;



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AGURAI IN MAROCCO.

The Whole Population of the Town Is Descended From Renegades.

Agura is a small town surrounded with walls of from 40 to 50 feet in height and built of tabia, or consolidated rubble. It owes its existence to Mulai Ismail, who held the throne of Marocco from 1722-1757. One gate alone gives entrance to the place, and in this respect, as well as in its architecture within and without, it much resembles the "ksor" of the Sahara described in the writer's "Tafilet." But it owns one feature of curiosity which was lacking in the desert, for almost without exception the entire population are descendants of the renegades and Christian slaves of the time of Mulai Ismail, with the addition of stray renegades who have been sent there since. Probably no such cosmopolitan place exists in the world, for its 300 or 400 inhabitants are representative of no less than 13 nationalities. Each family remembers and is proud of its origin, the Arab equivalent being applied as surnames.

The family in whose home the writer spent the few days of his visit were Flemish, while the next door neighbor on one side was an elderly female, whose father, an Englishman, had become a renegade some 80 years since, and who quickly tired of it, leaving a wife and daughter, the neighbor in question. The other neighbors were the descendants of Spanish gypsies, the head of the family being "Absalam ben Mohammed el Gitano el Espanoli." They were particularly proud of the "Gitano" (gypsy) part of the surname and begged me not to confound them with the ordinary Spaniards, of whom there were many descendants in Agurai. The ancestor of this gypsy family was two generations back. He had left his country, they naively told the writer, because he was not on good terms with his sultan, who wanted to imprison him, being afraid of his influence. Probably it was more of an affair of the police courts than political intrigue.

The "Ulad el Aluj" ("sons of the converts"), as the inhabitants of Agurai are called, have entirely, except in one or two cases, lost the type of their European ancestry, and through marriage, no doubt, are as largely Berber in appearance as the wild tribes that surround them. They speak among themselves both Arabic and Berber, and both, curiously enough, with a strong foreign accent, easily distinguishable. They are exempt from all taxation, but have to serve in the sultan's army, where they perform the duties of cooks and butchers.—Geographical Journal.

How, Indeed?

"Somebody has invented a mirror that will not break."

"Gracious! How are we going to tell when there is going to be a death in the house?"—London Fun.

He Told Her.

Mother (emphatically)—Johnny, what are you doing out there in the rain?

Johnny—Standin' wet.—Exchange.

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DREAMS OF THE DAYS GONE BY.

Dreams, come home to my heart again
With the memory of the past,
Come with your pleasure and your pain
And your hopes too bright to last.
Come from your hidden graves that lie
In the beautiful realms of the days gone by;
Come from your glorious graves that lie
In the realms of the days gone by!

I will welcome ye all again,
As once in the halls of Eld,
Welcome the pleasure and the pain
For the beauty your brief lives held.
Dreams, come out of your secret graves
In the woodland wilds and the dim sea caves;
Dreams, come out of your myriad graves
In the wilds and the dim sea caves!

Ye throng the halls of my heart once more
With faces sad with pain.
Oh, faded ghosts of the dreams of yore,
The joy comes not again.
Go back to your mournful graves that lie
In the shadowy realms of the days gone by;
Go back to your voiceless graves that lie
In the realms of the days gone by!
—Emma A. Browne in New York Ledger.

THE TRUTH ABOUT IT.

What Is the Use of Living if You Can't Be In It?

Yes, Erastus, we have noticed that article in a scientific journal advising people to sleep more in order to live long, and to tell you the truth we take but little stock in it. We notice that Tesla, the great electrician, claims that a man might live to be 200 years old if he would only sleep most of the time. And suppose he should. What would a man amount to sleeping like a fat dog in the summer? For all practical purposes a man might as well be dead as to be asleep, with this advantage in the way of being dead—he isn't in anybody's road.

Suppose a man lived for 200 years and slept 160 of it. He can only figure out when the thing is through that he has really lived 40 years, and in that 40 he neither eats as much ice nor has half the fun the man has who passes in his checks at 60 and out of the 60 has only slept 20 years. Is there any particular object, my boy, in simply lying round asleep for 150 years, wearing out bedclothes and saving a trifle on funeral expenses? We think not. All there is in life worth living for you get while you are awake. All the time you ought to spend asleep is just enough to enable you to keep awake the rest of the time.

Sleep is a necessary evil, just so much good time that you have to give up in order to keep your stomach, liver and other organs in fair shape. Of course we have read a good deal about beautiful dreams, when angels hover overhead and all that, but our experience is that this talk is almost altogether rot. When you are in good physical condition, you don't dream. When you dream, the angels aren't in that vicinity. It is when you have filled your interior with fatted swine and boiled cabbage that you retire to sleep, perchance to dream. To dream—aye, there is the rub!—when you feel a four headed dog sitting upon your vitals and know that the horned and cloven tailed whangdoodle from the barren mountains of Hepsidam is crawling upon you, breathing smoke and fire, and you are paralyzed, or you seem all at once to find yourself in the midst of some gay and cultured assembly with no clothing on your person except perhaps a paper collar and a pair of hose supporters and utterly unable to explain to the ladies and gentlemen present why you are there in this decollete costume or to take your departure.

There is nothing angelic or heavenly about the average dream. On the contrary, it is hades and repeat. The young man who has to be routed out of bed at 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning may live a good while, but the chances are that he won't amount to as much in life as a three legged dog in a jack rabbit chase. The proper thing, young fellow, is to sleep less and get a bump on yourself, even if you should pass out before you are 50. One year of life spent in knocking rich, ripe, luscious persimmons is worth five sleeping in the shade with the worms crawling over your person and the timber bugs trying to roll you out of their way.—Tom McNeal in Topeka Mail.

Auburndale.

"Until a few years ago a little Wisconsin hamlet was known simply as Hog Back, from the peculiar shape of a hill near there," said a Milwaukee drummer. "Finally the citizens held an indignation meeting to wipe out the plebeian name and choose a better one. It was decided to honor the place by giving it the name of the oldest settler, a man named King. Somebody suggested 'King's Mills' and another 'Kingsville,' and so on, but the old man himself objected. Then it was agreed to name the town for one of Mr. King's daughters, but he had seven of them, and jealousies promptly cropped out. At last some genius noticed that all the girls were redheaded and suggested 'Auburndale.' And Auburndale it is to this day."—Troy Times.

The Boaster Taken Down.

A silly youth was bragging of his great friends in a mixed company, in which Douglas Jerrold was present, and said that he had dined three times at Devonshire House and never saw any fish at table. "I can't account for it," he added. "I can," said Jerrold. "They ate it all up stairs."

PLAYING TWO PARTS.

INSTANCES IN WHICH AN ACTOR HAS BEEN TWO MEN AT ONCE.

The "Prisoner of Zenda," "Corsican Brothers" and the "Lyons Mail" Are Plays in Which It Is Necessary For the Star to Make These Quick Changes.

To be able to play two parts in the same piece—to portray, perhaps two characters of totally different caliber—is not an undertaking which many actors care to attempt. It is only the experienced artist who may attempt the feat with impunity, and even then, though he may appear to the audience to achieve his end without an effort, there are many more difficulties in his path than meet the eye of the habitual theater goer.

Not only must the actor be possessed of no small amount of histrionic talent, but he must often call in the aid of an understudy, whose duty it is to gull the onlooker into the belief that their favorite is performing the impossible feat of being in two places at one and the same time. For in nearly every play of such a character it is well nigh impossible for the author so to arrange his piece that the actor may never be called upon to be on the stage with his double.

Any one who has been to see "The Prisoner of Zenda" performed at the St. James theater, must have marveled at the lightning celerity with which Mr. George Alexander, a moment before the drunken king of Ruritania, suddenly, as by some act of witchcraft, reappeared as Rudolf Rassendyll, clad in the ordinary costume of the English tourist. Then, to every one's surprise, the supine body of the king was carried in so that to all appearances Mr. Alexander was gazing upon his own person. In reality, of course, it was merely a lightning change, and the understudy had to be requisitioned to supply the person of the king.

A more famous case of double impersonation, however, is that of "The Corsican Brothers," the first play perhaps in which Sir Henry Irving gave us a taste of his wonderful talent.

In the first act—to give a slight resume of the play—the ghost of Louis, killed in a duel by a certain Chateau Renaud in the forest of Fontainebleau, appears to Fabien, his brother. The second act takes us to Paris, and through varied incident to the death of Louis Here Irving was Louis.

In the third act, however, it is Fabien who is once more before us, who has constituted himself the avenger of his brother's death. He meets Chateau Renaud and demands satisfaction. Renaud is worsted and falls to the ground. Then suddenly the ghost of Louis appears, and, to personate the spirit of the dead man, Irving had had to fly to the wings, make his way below the stage and take his stand upon the trap, which conveyed him upward to the gaze of the thrilled spectators.

How was it done? The audience was amazed. Yet the explanation is comparatively simple: Irving stepped behind a "property" tree. His "double" instantly filled his place, taking good care not to face the audience when it was necessary for him to confront the ghost. Hence the lightning change from mortal to spirit and the resultant bewilderment of the beholders.

Neither is the "Corsican Brothers" the only play in which Irving has contrived to take a double part and yet nonplus the audience by the adroitness of his metamorphosis.

Those who are familiar with the "Lyons Mail" will doubtless remember the most telling scene in the play. Here Dubosc, the murderer, is in an attic, gazing down upon the preparations being made for the execution of the innocent Lesurques—whose likeness to the real murderer has brought him to such a terrible pass—an expression of horrible glee upon his face, clapping his hands as he sees the apparently doomed man step forward to his death.

But his exultation is premature. Lesurques is reprieved, and the crowd suddenly catches sight of the villainous face of the real murderer at the attic window. The door of the room is battered in. Behind it stands Dubosc. The wretch is dragged from his refuge, and as they do so Irving-Lesurques coolly walks in upon the scene of turmoil.

The door of the attic is made to open inward, thus shutting Irving-Dubosc from view of the auditorium. In a moment he slips through a trap. His "double" takes his place, to be hustled unceremoniously by the crowd of "supers," whose duty it is also to conceal the man's face in case the fraud should be discovered. Irving-Lesurques can hen come on in his new role.

But an actor has been known to play two parts without the assistance of a dummy.

In a certain play it was the duty of the hero to leap out of the window of his room and to enter from a door on the opposite side of the stage clad in different clothes, though otherwise the same.

This, however, was juggling pure and simple. The actor dropped into his second dress in much the same way as an American fireman is reputed to jump into his uniform. The costume consisted of but one piece with a patent fastening down the back, and as he leaped through the window frame he leaped into his clothes, which, so to speak, shut behind him and left him rehabilitated.

Neither is the part of the understudy one to be given to any ordinary "super" from the mass of warriors, countrymen and the like that go to make up a stage crowd. He must be possessed of no slight amount of adaptability and smartness to enable his principal to go through his arduous task without a hitch.—Pearson's Weekly.

Humane.

Hanson—I saw Winton on horseback yesterday. You could see daylight between him and the saddle half the time.

Nanson—Yes; that's because he is such a humane man. As he is off the horse half the time, it gives the animal a good deal of rest.—Boston Transcript.

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Mortimer H. Brown et al

By virtue of a decree made in the above entitled cause, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, on Friday, the 11th day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lots of land in Wilmington, N. C., to-wit:

1. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Second and Dawson streets, runs thence northwardly with the eastern line of Second street 66 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Dawson street 159 feet to an alley, thence southwardly with the said alley 66 feet to Dawson street, thence eastwardly with the northern line of Dawson street 159 feet to the beginning, being the eastern part of Lot 5, Block 45.

2 A lot beginning in the eastern line of Eleventh street 198 feet north of Princess street, runs thence north with said eastern line of Eleventh street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 132 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eleventh street 33 feet, thence west parallel with Princess street 132 feet to the beginning, being a part of the western part of Lot 3, Block 188.

3. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 99 feet north of Campbell street, runs thence northwardly with said western line of Eighth street 33 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east quarter of Lot 4, Block 202.

4. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 132 feet north of Brunswick street, runs thence north with said western line of Eighth street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet, thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, thence east parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east half of Lot 3, Block 202.

5. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Ninth street and Swann street, running thence northwardly with the eastern line of Ninth street 207 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street about 290 feet to the line of the property of the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. Co., thence with the said line southwestwardly about 355 feet to a point in the northern line of Swann street 70 feet eastwardly from the eastern line of Ninth street, thence westwardly with said northern line of Swann street 70 feet to the beginning, being the western parts of Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 and a part of Lot 1, Block 326.

6. A lot beginning at the southwestern intersection of Nixon and Seventh streets, runs westwardly with the southern line of Nixon street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Seventh street 60 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street 33 feet to Seventh street, thence northwardly with said line of Seventh street 60 feet to the beginning, being the east end of Lot 1, Block 325.

7. A lot beginning in the northern line of Princess street 132 feet west of the western line of Twelfth street, runs thence westwardly with said line of Princess street 33 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet to the beginning, being parts of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 188.

WILKES MORRIS, Commissioner.

February 8th, 1898. feb 9 1m

Mortgagee's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A POWER OF SALE CONtained in a Mortgage given by S. B. Gaskill and wife to John D. Taylor, Receiver, and subsequently assigned to J. H. Gore, Jr., guardian of Leila G. McGirt et al., the undersigned will on Saturday, March 26th, 1898, at 12 o'clock M. offer for sale by public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the the city of Wilmington, the following described lot or parcel of land, lying, being, and situate in the city of Wilmington, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet southwardly from its intersection with the southern line of Dawson street, and running thence southwardly along the said eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and one-half feet to the western line of Willis' alley, thence northwardly along the western line of Willis' alley and parallel with Eighth street sixty-six feet, and thence westwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and a half feet, to the said eastern line of Eighth street, the beginning point.

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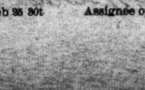

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DAILY 7.15 P. M No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.35 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., †Norfolk 10.30 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.08 A. M., Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.08 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.18 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. No. 85—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.43 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.10 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.18 A. M., Augusta 7.35 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.25 P. M., Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.25 P. M.

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DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 P. M., *New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.03 A. M., Norfolk 8.40 A. M., Weldon 11.59 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.47 P. M., Wilson 2.37 P. M., Goldsboro 3.20 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.34 P. M.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.00 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.01 P. M., Rocky Mount 8.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.22 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M. Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.36 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.20 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.27 P. M., Jacksonville 7.40 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Columbia 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 8.20 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M., Sumter 8.19 A. M., Florence 9.58 A. M., Marion 10.36 A. M., Chadbourn 11.38 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12 09. P. M.

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Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.30 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.38 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.20 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.;

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 A. M.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 A. M. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 10.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 P. M.; arrives Nashville 5.05 P. M., Spring Hope 5.30 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 A. M., Nashville 8.35 A. M.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, Daily except Sunday, at 11.30 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M and 3.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.09 A. M.; arrive Latta 10.28 A. M., Dillon 10.38 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland, 6.13 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.33 P. M., Latta 6.46 P. M., Pee Dee 7.10 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.45 A. M.; arrive Conway 2.03 P. M.; leave Conway 2.45 P. M., Chadbourn 5.45 P. M.; arrive Hub 6.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.37 P. M., Manning 6.58 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.36 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.08 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.37 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.55 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.14 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3 P. M. arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M., 5.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.35 A. M., Cheraw 11.40 A. M., Wadesboro 43.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.35 P. M., Hartsville 9.30 P. M., Bennettsville 9.31 P. M., Gibson 9.45 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9.35 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.27 A. M., Hartsville 11.10 A. M.

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Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.20 P. M., 11.16 P. M.; arrive Selma 3.15 P. M., Smithfield 3.39 P. M., Dunn 4.00 P. M., Fayetteville 4.47 P. M., 1.14 A. M. Rowland 6.13 P. M.; returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.18 P. M., 10.15 P. M., Dunn 1.01 P. M., Smithfield 1.30 P. M., Selma 1.47 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 12.00 A. M.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4.29 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M.; arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.25 P. M., Creston 5.30 P. M., Sumter 6.25 P. M. Daily.

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Time Table No. 3.

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P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 22	Kinston.....	10 12	.....
5 32	5 45	Newbern.....	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City..	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.55 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 4, 1898

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

Loud Bill Buried Under an Overwhelming Majority in the House.

BANKRUPTCY BILL DEBATED.

Senate Refused to Concur in House Amendments—Resolution Introduced to Investigate Murder of Postmaster at Lake City.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The resolution providing for a Congressional investigation into the murder of the postmaster at Lake City, S. C., and his family and the burning of his home was laid before the Senate. The resolution was then referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

The motion of Senator Hoar, Massachusetts, to non-concur in the House amendments to the Bankruptcy bill was laid before the Senate, and Senator Stewart, Nevada, resumed his speech upon the House measure.

At the conclusion of his speech Senator Stewart offered a resolution that the Senate conferees be instructed to insist upon the Senate bill. The resolution created some debate of a parliamentary character. Senator Stewart then withdrew his resolution, and Senator Hoar's motion to non-concur in the House amendments to the Bankruptcy bill and that a committee of conference be appointed was adopted.

The Senate at 5.45 P. M. adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The Loud bill to correct alleged abuses of the second class mail matter privilege, which last year passed the House—144 to 104—was buried under an overwhelming majority by the House to-day. The vote was not taken directly upon the bill, but on a motion to lay it on the table. By a vote of 162 to 116 the motion was carried. Forty-seven Republicans joined with the Democrats and Populists in accomplishing this result and ten Democrats voted with the majority of the Republicans. The refusal of Mr. Loud to permit a vote on an amendment at the last minute was responsible in a measure for the result but the strength of the measure undoubtedly waned throughout the three days debate.

White, Republican, North Carolina, the only colored member of the House, asked unanimous consent for the consideration of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, On or about February 21st, one hundred or more armed men fired upon and killed the postmaster at Lake City, S. C., killing one of the family and wounding several others and burning all they had; and, whereas, the said family is now suffering even for means for medical treatment and for other necessaries of life;

"*Resolved*, By the Senate and House of Representatives, that the sum of $1,000 is hereby appropriated and made available for the relief of the said family."

Speaker Reed put the request of White.

Mr. Bartlett, Democrat, of Georgia, demanded the regular order. Many of the Republican members cried out, "No!" "No!" but the Georgia member did not yield.

"The gentleman from Georgia demands the regular order," said the Speaker. "That is equivalent to an objection."

The consideration of the Loud bill was then resumed, and Griggs, Democrat, Georgia, offered the amendment of which he gave notice yesterday to allow newspapers and periodicals to transmit at pound rates 1,000 sample copies. He offered this as an amendment to Mr. Loud's amendment to permit the transmission of sample copies to the extent of ten per cent. of the bona fide circulation of publications entitled to second class privileges. After some discussion the Griggs amendment, slightly modified, was adopted.

The Loud amendment as amended, was agreed to without division.

At 4 o'clock, the hour set aside for the vote to be taken, Mr. Richardson, Democrat, Tennessee, moved to lay the bill on the table. A rising vote gave the victory to the opponents of the measure—125 to 101—and on Mr. Loud's demand the roll was called. But the record making the vote only confirmed the rising vote. By a vote of 172 to 119, the bill was laid on the table.

The announcement was greeted with a burst of applause.

At 4.25 P. M. the House adjourned.

UNIFORMITY OF RATES.

Meeting of the Conference Committee of the Southeastern Passenger Association.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 3.—The conference committee of the Southeastern Passenger Association held a meeting at the Imperial Hotel to-day to discuss the question of uniformity of rates on the lines in the Southeastern section of the United States, including railroads and their connecting boat lines. Joseph Richardson, of Atlanta, presided over the conference and representatives were present from Atlanta, Savannah, Washington, Jacksonville, New Orleans, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Baltimore and this city. The session continued throughout the day without an agreement being reached. The conference will be continued to-morrow.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Hitch in Its Plans—Awaiting Orders From Washington.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., March 3.—Judge Advocate Marix was the only officer of the Court of Inquiry on shore to-day. Captain Sampson remained on board the Iowa, and Captain Chadwick and Lieutenant Commander Potter on the New York. Even the stenographers took a holiday.

Some hitch has occurred in the plans of the court, though it has been understood that the members are awaiting orders from Washington through Admiral Sicard.

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SECRETARY LONG WITHOUT ADVICES.

No Word Received From Court of Inquiry—No Orders Given As to Its Movements.

AID FOR SUFFERING CUBANS.

Arrangements Made to Forward Supplies—The Maine Relief Fund—Havana Advices—The Work of the Wreckers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Secretary Long said at the close of his day at the Navy Department that no word had been received from the Court of Inquiry and that no orders had been or would be given as to the movements of the court from Key West, as the court is fully authorized to shape its own movements. The original orders to the court were issued by Admiral Sicard as commander of the fleet to which the Maine belonged, and it has the technical status of an admiral's court, reporting directly to him, both as to its movements and as to its final report on the cause of the disaster. The understanding here is that the court has not concluded its work, but will return to Havana to take testimony which has been delayed by the difficulties in the way of the divers. That Admiral Sicard expects this move back to Havana was shown by a dispatch from him a few days ago, suggesting that arrangements be made for a vessel to take the court back. As the light house tender Mangrove had been doing this service, the Treasury Department was asked to assign the Mangrove for the return of the court to Key West and this was done. With these arrangements concluded. is is said at the Navy Department that the court will proceed without consulting officials here.

For Suffering Cubans.

Arrangements are being made for the trip of the cruiser Montgomery and gunboat Nashville to Cuban ports with relief supplies.

The Navy Department was advised to-day that the Mallory line steamer leaving New York next Saturday, would carry free of charge, seventy-five tons of supplies, to be transferred to the Montgomery and Nashville at Key West. The Mallory steamer is expected to take about four days in the run down the coast, so that the transfer to the warships and their start to Cuba cannot be made before next Thursday. The two warships are poorly adapted for carrying supplies. having scant quarters for their own supplies of cordage, provisions, canvas and ship's equipment. It is only because they can make the run in daylight that any attempt is made to carry the seventy-five tons of supplies. These will be stored on the spar deck, and with good weather the daylight run will not subject them to any damage. The relief measures are proving unexpectedly successful, the supplies running into the car-loads and hundreds of tons. The State Department has had notice from the Cuban relief committee at New York that there were shipped on March 1st from New York to Santiago 100,000 pounds of relief supplies; on the 2nd, to Havana 75,000 pounds; to-day, to Matanzas 100,000 pounds, and to Sagua La Grande 100,000 pounds. In these shipments are 500,000 grains of quinine, consigned to each of the ports except Havana.

The Wrecked Battleship.

The Maine relief fund, under Mr. Long's management, to-day reached a total of $3,113.

The only telegram relating to the Maine disaster that came to the Navy Department during the day was the following from Commander Forsyth at Key West.

"Bache arrived; brought one body unidentified, and Paul Leoftus, private marine, Jeremiah Shea, coal-passer, John Heffner, ordinary seaman, Thomas J. Waters, ordinary seaman, from the Tortugas. The wounded will be sent to the army hospital. The funeral of the body has started for the cemetery."

Old Monitors.

In the course of the inquiry into the naval resources of the United States, an order has been issued to make a test of the machinery of the old war monitors at the League island navy yard. These are single-turreted craft that are armed with big smooth-bore guns in turrets that could likely be pierced by the modern high powered rifles on the battleships, but they would still be of service in an emergency. There are eight of these monitors at League island and the government owns several others that are now loaned to the naval militia organizations of some of the States.

Maine Inquiry Board.

Secretary Long to-day authorized an absolute and positive denial of a report asserting that a partial or preliminary report had been received by the government from the Maine inquiry board, indicating or declaring that the loss of the Maine was due to external explosion He said that no report of any kind had been received and that the public had all the information that had come to hand.

If the progress of the inquiry at Havana depends upon the work of the wreckers, as seems to be the case, for nothing of substantial importance can be achieved until the heavy debris is removed from the wreck, considerable delay must inevitably occur. To tow the large derricks from Boston and New York to Havana is never a speedy and seldom a satisfactory undertaking. As a matter of fact the derrick Chief, at Norfolk, is now storm-bound just inside of the Chesapeake capes, although it was fully expected that by this time she would be far below Hatteras. This makes it improbable that the derrick can reach Havana harbor and get at work much before the middle of next week. As for the big derrick Monarch which is required to raise the turrets and extremely heavy weights from the hull, the date for her sailing has not been set, although the department has inquired of the contractors on that point.

A most substantial evidence of sympathy for the survivors of the Maine and the families of the victims came to hand at the Navy Department to-day in the shape of a check for $500 from President Dole of Hawaii. The money was turned into the Maine relief fund.

Kearsarge and Kentucky.

It is denied at the Navy Department that any request has been made upon the Newport News Shipbuilding Company to hasten the launch of the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky, set for the 24th of this month some time ago. These two battleships, the largest ever built for the United States navy, are to be completed and turned over to the government within ten months, if finished under the terms of contract. They are now under construction by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company and are to be launched on the 24th instant.

The coal mining companies throughout the country, especially those near the seaboard, have been prompt in their offers to the Navy Department to furnish coal in the event of trouble with Spain, and the Department has taken steps to ascertain the probable supply and its location, etc., available in the case of an emergency demand.

The Tug Dauntless.

Mr. DuBosc, the Spanish charge d'affaires, has, it is understood, presented a complete memorandum on the alleged filibustering trip of the Dauntless, with the view of having the vessel apprehended.

While the information is asserted by the legation to establish the recent expeditionary character of the Dauntless' trips, it declares it is not successful, and submitted evidence to the State Department to show that the expedition proper failed to effect a landing, but that Gen. Agramonte, a Cuban leader, got ashore in a small boat and is now wandering in the interior without having made a juncture with the insurgents.

Havana Advices.

HAVANA, March 3.—The Spanish divers did not go down to-day, but the American divers got some fixed ammunition out of the forward part of the wreck.

General Blanco returned, at the Hotel Inglaterra, the recent call of courtesy of Senator Proctor.

General Hyde, president of the Bath Iron Works, Maine, called on General Blanco and Captain Sigsbee to-day. He is on the way to Mexico on a trip for health and pleasure, and says his presence in Havana has no political significance.

The wreckers began working with apparent vigor this afternoon. The Merritt was anchored on the starboard side aft of the Maine, with a big barge opposite her on the port side. The Right Arm was directly astern of the wreck. One body was recovered to-day. It was that of a white man about thirty years of age. It was not identified.

The welcome to be extended to the officers of the Vizcaya and of the Almirante Oquendo, when the latter arrives here, will consist of a grand ball at the Casino, which promises to be a brilliant affair.

The correspondent of *La Discussion* at Matanzas says "Senator Parker," (possibly Senator Procter or Colonel Parker his travelling companion) gave a check for $1,500 to the fund for the relief of the sufferers of Matanzas and its vicinity.

The steamer Seguranca, which has just arrived here, brought additional supplies, consigned to Consul-General Lee, from New York, for relief of the destitute.

General Parrado has assured the colonels of the volunteer battalions that the government had no intention of disarming them. A report to the effect that it was intended to disarm the volunteers caused considerable excitement among the latter and disturbance were apprehended.

GEN. MERRITT'S TOUR.

Probably Within a Week He Will Start South Again to Visit Key West, Florida.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Gen. Wesley Merritt returned to-day from his tour of inspection of the Southern fortifications in the Department of the East. Probably within a week he will start for Key West. Speaking of his tour, Gen. Merritt said:

"I am pleased to say that I found the troops in excellent condition. The men were all the picture of health, and the regulations of the service working perfectly. I first went to Fort McPherson, at Atlanta, Ga. Then I went down to Fort Barrancas and Pensacola. From there I journeyed to New Orleans, where I stopped over two days to inspect Jackson barracks. I did not go to Fort St. Phillip, for the reason that none of my troops are garrisoned there.

"I may have a few suggestions for the improvement of some of the posts I visited, but I do not care to discuss that just now. I have nothing to say on the subject of the Maine disaster more than that it was lamentable and deplorable in the extreme."

When asked as to whether it was the intention of the War Department to make Atlanta the seat of operations in case of hostilities being declared General Merritt said he preferred to remain silent for the present. Under no circumstances, he explained, would he go into the details of his proposed visit to Key West, nor would he discuss the significance of the fleet there at this particular time. Lieutenant Strother will accompany General Merritt on his trip South.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

Steel Works at Reading Turning Out Projectiles—Hurrying Outfit for Warships at Portsmouth.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BRISTOL, R. I., March 3.—The two new government torpedo boats, the Gwyn and Talbot, just completed by the Herreshoffs, were given their official speed trials to-day in Narragansett bay under favorable conditions and exceeded their contract speed, the former making an average of 20.9 knots per hour and the latter 21.1.

READING, PA., March 3.—Beginning next Monday the Carpenter steel works will go on double turn, working on projectiles for the government and employing three hundred and fifty instead of two hundred and twenty-five hands.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., March 3.—Orders have been received at the navy yard to make the outfit for the United States ship Lancaster with the quickest possible dispatch. It is expected that the Machias and Essex will be made ready for service at the Portsmouth yard at once.

NINE PERSONS DROWNED.

A Small Schooner Capsized in a Squall Near Key West, Fla.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., March 3.—The schooner Speedwell, Captain Collier, from Marco, Fla., for Key West, was struck by a squall to-day while off Marquesas, eighteen miles from here, and capsized. Nine persons were drowned, out of thirteen, all told, on board.

Among the victims were the three children of Captain Collier, George, Tom and Wilbur, aged respectively four, six and eight years, and the entire Nichols family, Bradley Nichols and his wife, their son and the latter's wife and two grand-children. The family was from Bridgeport, Conn.

Those saved are: Captain Collier, Sam Cates, Jesse Green, deck hands, and R. W. Bates, of Myers, Fla., a passenger.

The Nichols family is said to have been well-to-do. All had been staying for a month or two at a small hotel kept by Captain Collier at Marco, and they were on their way home.

Several Senators give notice of amendments they will offer to the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill providing for improvements in rivers and harbors.

THE DECISION OF THE COURT.

It Will Not Depend Alone Upon Testimony of the Divers at Work on the Maine

AS TO CAUSE OF EXPLOSION.

Senator Proctor's Observations of the Condition of Affairs on the Island. Will Make a Strong Speech in the Senate.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, March 3, VIA KEY WEST. FLA., March 3.—A naval officer here to-day, in reply to a suggestion that it was a pity such an important decision as the verdict of the Court of Inquiry into the Maine explosion should rest solely upon the testimony of divers, who seemed men of only average intelligence, replied: "The Court of Inquiry has not had to depend upon divers' testimony alone." Then, realizing that he had said more than he intended to say, the officer resumed his habitual reserve. It is believed that the testimony of Lieutenant Commander Wainwright was highly important as bearing on the question of the existence of submarine mines.

The Government has employed an expert photographer now in Havana, who will send to the Naval Department in Washington photographs of armor plates and different portions of the wreck immediately upon recovery from the water.

The Spanish Inquiry.

If the Spanish Court of Inquiry, under Capt. Peral, has a definite plan of action, which seems doubtful, it has not been made public. The Spanish divers will, of course, report the results of their observations to the Spanish Court of Inquiry, but when or where has not been made known.

Proctor's Observations.

Senator Proctor has seen much in a short time, and there is good authority for saying that he will make the results of his observations known in a strong speech in the Senate on his return to Washington. At Matanzas Miss Barton and Senator Proctor, under the guidance of United States Consul Brice and Mr. Govas, the British Vice Consul, saw such suffering as they had never conceived possible. Four persons died in one ward while the party was there.

Senator Proctor was reticent on the subject, but others of the party declared that that the whole east of the island was under the control of General Maximo Gomez. Senator Proctor, however, went so far as to say to the crorespondent of the Asssociated Press. "Certainly, a pecu liarstate of affairs exist. A resident of Matanzas told me that if I wished to correspond with General Gomez he would send my letters to him and have an answer back in a short time."

THE FERTILIZER TAX.

Argument Begun in An Important Case Before the United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—A case, the decision of which will affect the laws of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky and other Southern States, was argued in the United States Supreme Court to-day. In North Carolina and other States there is what is known as the "Commercial fertilizer tax," imposed by the State on fertilizer companies selling products in these States. It is claimed by the State authorities that the tax is imposed merely for inspection purposes, but the companies claim only one-fifth of the amount collected is really necessary for such inspections. The claim is made that no article shipped from one State to another can be taxed except by the United States. The State of North Carolina last year collected between $30,000 and $40,000 by this tax. The case was argued twelve months ago before the Supreme Court, but the court ordered a reargument before a full bench. The attorneys in the case are Colonel John Hinsdale and Mr. Thomas N. Hill, for the fertilizer manufacturers and Messrs. R. H. Battle, F. H. Busby, and J. C. L. Harris, for the State of North Carolina. Mr. Hill opened the case to-day. The attorneys for the State will speak to-morrow and Colonel Hinsdale will close the case for the complainants.

WARM WIRELETS.

One thousand colored militiamen of South Carolina have tendered their services to Governor Ellerbee in case of war.

The *China Gazette* at Shanghai says Great Britain will occupy Wei-Hai-Wei in the event of Japan withdrawing from that port.

Judge John Newton Hendren, the last treasurer of the Southern Confederacy, is critically ill at his residence near Staunton, Augusta county, Virginia.

William Gill, a prominent citizen of Lancaster county, Va., was shot at from ambush twice by some one unknown, and badly, though not dangerously wounded.

The State Department at Washington has been informed that a small revolution has broken out at Valencia, about 200 miles from Caracas, capital of Venezuela. No details are given.

Hon. W. J. Bryan lectured in Mobile, Ala., last night to a large crowd upon bimetallism. After the lecture Mr. Bryan was entertained at supper at the Battle House, leaving at midnight for Pensacola.

Representatives of the Southern Freight Association and of the Mississippi Valley Freight Association met in Atlanta yesterday to adjust some old differences between the two associations as to freight rates.

Shep Wood, a prominent young farmer, near Cordele, Ga., shot and killed his brother, Thomas Wood. He then turned the revolver on himself and sent a bullet through his own head, killing himself instantly. The brothers had quarrelled over business matters.

Senator Mason yesterday introduced a resolution for the relief of the widow of the colored postmaster recently killed by a mob at Lake City, S. C. It is the same as that introduced in the House by Representative White, of North Carolina, except that the amount is made $10,000.

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SURVIVORS QUICKLY RETREAT

The Battle of Holguin a Disastrous Defeat for the Government Forces—The Spaniards Boasted of a Certain Victory, But Met a Ready Enemy.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Reports of the recent battles at Holguin, province of Santiago de Cuba, have been received in New York. Instead of the battle being a Spanish victory, as reported from Havana, it was a disastrous defeat followed by a retreat on the part of the Spanish forces. This information comes through reliable sources and is a cause for a great amount of rejoicing in Cuban circles, because the guns and ammunition shipped from Long Island less than a month ago were used in the fight.

Major Miranda, who landed the expedition, reports the victory without many details, but from other letters which come out by the same mail the story is told.

An Idle Boast.

The Spanish forces were commanded by General Linares, who for some time has been at Holguin, making preparations to march to the city of Santiago de Cuba. His army included cavalry and artillery. Previous to his starting to march he boasted that he would make the coast—a distance of 60 miles in a direct line— in four days. By the road to be followed the distance was 20 miles more, owing to the condition of the country. His troops were the most valuable in the Spanish army, many of them having been on the island three years.

A week before the starting of the march the Long Island expedition had landed. To protect the expedition a force under General Garcia had been sent to the southern coast. In case a demonstration was made General Manuel Rodriguez was left with a vanguard of 900 men to worry Linares if he should try to leave Holguin.

While the expedition, one of the largest ever landed there, was being protected from attack, the Spanish general marched out from Holguin. Ten miles from Holguin the road becomes hilly and rocks afford protection equal to any modern fortification. Colonel Rodriguez's men took their stand in this natural fortification near the town of San Francisco. Owing to the character of the country less than 2,000 of the Spanish troops could be brought into action when the Cubans opened fire.

The road, a winding one, was a regular death trap. Linares used his artillery as much as possible, but the Cuban forces of less than 1,000 men could not be dislodged. Failing to make progress Linares marched a portion of his command five miles east to move by the road which runs to Jiguan, expecting to follow the railroad leading to Santiago de Cuba. The command was intercepted by a portion of the Cubans and harrassed so that it was unable to reach the Cauto river. For two days it was held in check until General Garcia and his command could reach the place.

The Spanish Dead.

Every day Spanish dead were buried and the wounded sent back to Holguin. Gen. Garcia's command did not reach its full strength until the fifth day after the fighting began.

On this day the Spanish columns retreated in confusion, carrying the wounded to Holguin and leaving 200 dead on the field.

The Cuban loss in the five days' fighting was less than 50 killed.

The real Spanish loss will never be known, as the dead and wounded were taken from the field at night. It is estimated that nearly 1,000 were killed and wounded. From word received from Holguin it was learned that there were several companies almost annihilated by the Cuban fire.

Other letters from the Cuban army report it in good condition, and one of them from President Cisneros stated that the whole eastern portion of the island is safe in the control of the Cuban civil government. The ex-president says he is to be appointed postmaster general and tells of the plans for postal service, as though there were no war on the island.

Dr. Joaquin Cartillo of the Junta, for his work in landing arms on the Cuban coast has been appointed to the rank of brigadier general. Cubans in the field, according to the letters, are praying for the United States to strike a blow in order that they may attack Havana from the land.

C. P. Anthony has been appointed postmaster at Scotland Neck.

A Dr. Johnson Story.

In glancing through the recently published work on that worthy bore, Dr. Johnson, I failed to discover the following anecdote. It is carefully preserved by a family whose Scotch ancestors took a rise out of the great lexicographer:

Hostess—Dr. Johnson, what do you think of our Scotch broth?

Dr. Johnson—Madam, in my opinion it's only fit for pigs.

Hostess—Then have some more.—London Figaro.

Civilizing a Chimpanzee.

"It's wonderful," said the man who is always earnest, "to see how they can develop the intellects of the lower animals. There is no telling how much we may be able to benefit them by systematic education."

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Linen Afternoon Costumes.

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NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

The Forger Langdon—A Big Joke About Sutton, of Bladen County—The Penitentiary—Collector Duncan.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 3.

Jas. C. Langdon, the forger, who has been under arrest at Norfolk, Va., was brought to the city this morning. Langdon, who has been fighting requisition to this State, voluntarily surrendered himself to the North Carolina authorities.

Under the contract of the State with the government, twenty-five cents per day will be paid for the maintenance of each Federal prisoner confined in the penitentiary here. The State also gets the use of the labor of the convicts. None of the Federal prisoners can be taken outside the prison walls.

The statement that W. J. Sutton of Bladen is to be made President of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad is a big joke. Governor Russell states that he never heard Suttons name mentioned in connection with the place until he saw it in a newspaper here. The fact is, no one has been decided on for the presidency of the road. Governor Russell is anxious to make a lease of the road and he has not considered the selection of a president since consideration of the lease.

Collector Duncan recommissions all the division deputies for twenty-nine days. Mr. Duncan received no assurances on his trip to Washington as to an early modification of the civil service laws.

Several marines yesterday passed through Atlanta en route to California, where they go presumably for the defence of the Pacific slope. For several days small parties of marines have been passing through the city, all coming from Norfolk.

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